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A strengthened and revitalized General Assembly

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/59/L.69/Rev.1

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

Report of the Fifth Committee

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1. At its 60th meeting, on 9 September 2005, the Fifth Committee, pursuant to rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, considered the statement by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/59/35/Rev.1) of the programme budget implications of draft resolution A/59/L.69/Rev.1. Also at the 60th meeting, the Acting Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the related report of that Committee (A/59/910).

2. The statements and comments made in the course of the Fifth Committee's consideration of this question are reflected in the relevant summary record (A/C.5/59/SR.60).

3. At the 60th meeting, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee introduced a draft decision which was subsequently issued as document A/C.5/59/L.80.

4. Following a suspension of the meeting, the representative of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Union) orally amended the draft decision.

5. Before the consideration of the draft decision, as orally amended, the representatives of Japan and Egypt made statements.

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6. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted the draft decision as orally amended without a vote (see para. 7).

Decision of the Committee

7. The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2] decides to inform the General Assembly that should it adopt draft resolution A/59/L.69/Rev.1, additional resources of up to $116,300 would be required under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination, of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005. As noted in paragraph 11 of the statement by the Secretary-General, every effort would be made to accommodate these requirements within the appropriation for the biennium; and the actual costs, if any, would be reported in the context of the second performance report for the biennium 2004-2005. Having considered the detailed recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, the Fifth Committee also decides to inform the General Assembly that the adoption of the draft resolution would also give rise to additional resource requirements of up to $823,300 under section 1, Overall policymaking, direction and coordination (for the Office of the President of the General Assembly) and up to $60,300 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007. These additional requirements would be considered by the General Assembly in the context of its review of the proposed programme budget for 2006-2007.

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[1] A/C.5/59/35/Rev.1.

[2] A/59/910.